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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT: Trip Report - Kadena Air Force Base, Okinawa, and
Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, 12 - 16 May 1963
(OXCART)**

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1. []
[] SS/OSA visited OXCART facilities at Kadena Air Force Base, Okinawa, and Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, during the period 12 - 16 May 1963.

2. Kadena Air Force Base

a. The mission at Kadena was to inspect the OXCART facilities prior to acceptance from the Contractor. With a few minor exceptions, the work was completed as requested. Instructions were issued to the Contractor to correct the minor discrepancies found. Overall, the Kadena facility can be considered operational as a KC-135 staging base.

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b. A survey of all hangars presently on base was made by [] Two are adequate for our use from a materiel point of view. From a security viewpoint, these facilities leave much to be desired for a pre-strike base. Floor plans for these hangars are on file in MD/OSA.

c. Sufficient liquid nitrogen is available to support the OXCART Program. Storage for the liquid nitrogen is in short supply; therefore, we will furnish 500 gallon storage tanks for our use.

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d. The [] Project Officer for this station is []. He is assisted by []. Both are assigned to Air Base Group Operations.

3. Eielson Air Force Base

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a. The visit to Eielson was made to plan additional construction. After contacting [], the Base Commander, most of our time was spent with Lt. Colonel [] the Base Civil Engineer, and his replacement, [].

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was developed and left with [] This plan is presently being staffed within OSA. When completed, the details will be forwarded to Eielson through AFIGO-S to start construction.

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b. Instructions were given to [], the Base [] Project Officer to place our R-2 Refueler in a temporary storage condition until it is needed by the Project.

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c. [] made a survey of existing hangar facilities; floor plans are on file within MD/OSA. It is felt that the present hangars are not suitable for our use due to the large number of shops and offices housed in these buildings, i.e. base operations, control tower, etc.

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4. The trip report of [] covers additional construction plans for Eielson.

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